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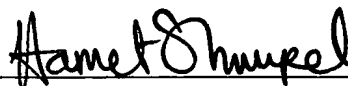
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Preliminary Amendment

Dear Sir:

Please amend the International Application No. PCT/ EP00/05735 upon entry into the U.S. National Phase under Chapter II as follows:

In the claims:

Claims 1-23 are pending. Please amend claims 2-20. Please cancel claim 23.

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2. Compounds according to claim 1, wherein A is-O-.
 3. Compounds according to claim 1, wherein B is-O-.
 4. Compounds according to claim 1, wherein g is 0, 1 or 2.
 5. Compounds according to claim 1, wherein R₁ represents halo, an alkyl group containing 1 to 3 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group containing 1 to 3 carbon atoms,